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Minutes of the Joint Committee Meeting
of
The House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics
and
The House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs
and
The Senate Standing Committee on Oversight
and
The Senate Standing Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security

Thursday, March 3, 2016

2:00 p.m.

Room 352, Capitol Building

The House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics was called to order by Representative Ed McBroom, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives McBroom, Howrylak, Graves, Theis, Robinson, and Pagan. (6/6)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The House Oversight Chair turned the gavel over to the House Military and Veterans Affairs Chair.

At 2:04 p.m., the House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by Representative Tom Barrett, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Glardon, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Rutledge, Talabi, and Kosowski. (9/9)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The House Military and Veterans Affairs Chair laid before the committee the minutes of February 11, 2016 as printed.

Representative Rutledge moved to adopt the minutes of February 11, 2016 as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The House Military and Veterans Affairs Chair turned the gavel over to the Senate Oversight Chair.

At 2:06 p.m., the Senate Standing Committee on Oversight was called to order by Senator Peter MacGregor, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Senators MacGregor, Kowall, Shuitmaker Stamas, and Gregory. (5/5)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Senate Oversight Chair turned the gavel over to the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security Committee Chair.

At 2:06 p.m., the Senate Standing Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security was called to order by Senator Margaret O'Brien, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Senators O'Brien, Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck and Knezek. (5/5)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security Chair turned the gavel over to the Senate Oversight Chair, the Presiding Chair.

The Chair laid before the committees the Performance Audit Report for the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

Doug A. Ringler, C.P.A., C.I.A, Auditor General for the State of Michigan provided each member of the committees with a copy of the Performance Audit of the **Grand Rapids Home for Veterans**, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency in the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (Report Number 511-0170-15, February 2016), which is attached. The Auditor General introduced Laura J. Hirst, C.P.A., Deputy Auditor General, and Jessica C. Armstrong, Assistant Auditor General, the onsite Auditor Supervisor, and gave a brief overview of the findings. Questions and discussion followed.

James Robert Redford, Interim Director for the Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency in the Michigan Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, introduced Leslie Shanlian, MSA, NHA, Chief Executive Officer for the Michigan Veteran Health System in the agency, Stephen Potter, Chief of Staff for the Director, and Anne Zerbe, Legislative and Data Specialist in the agency. Director Redford and Ms. Shanlian gave a PowerPoint presentation on the department's response to the report, and addressed questions followed the presentation. A copy of the PowerPoint is attached.

There being no other business before the Senate Standing Committee on Oversight; the Chair declared the committee adjourned, the time being 4:28 p.m.

The Senate Oversight Chair turned the gavel over to the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security Committee Chair.

There being no other business before the Senate Standing Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security; the Chair declared the committee adjourned, the time being 4:28 p.m.

The Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security Chair turned the gavel over to the House Military and Veteran Affairs Chair.

There being no other business before the House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs; the Chair declared the committee adjourned, the time being 4:28 p.m.

The Military and Veterans Affairs Chair turned the gavel over to the Oversight Chair.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of February 18, 2016 as printed.

Representative Howrylak moved to adopt the minutes of February 18, 2016 as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

There being no other business before the Oversight Committee; **Representative Graves moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 4:29 p.m.

The Chair declared the committee adjourned.

Ed McBroom, Chair
House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee